



Now Hiring: Livestock Coordinator, full-time

About the Queens County Farm Museum:

Queens County Farm Museum is one of the longest continually farmed sites in New York State. The original property was farmed by the Adriance family beginning in 1697. Today, the farm serves as a vital resource connecting people to agriculture and the environment creating conversations about biodiversity, nutrition, health and wellness, climate change and preserving local history. The Queens County Farm Museum is a New York City Landmark, on the National Register of Historic Places and a member of the Historic House Trust of New York City. Queens Farm hosts a wide variety of acclaimed education programs, public events and adult education programs. The farm is home to a variety of animals – steer, sheep, goats, laying hens, alpaca, and pigs – many of which live out their lives on the farm. Queens Farm is a New York City treasure where historic structures, productive fields, woodland, and livestock bring agricultural history to life.

Job Description:

Queens Farm's multi-species livestock operation is an integral part of this diversified small farm. The Livestock Coordinator will act as the main point-person within the Agriculture Department for livestock care, under the supervision of the Director of Agriculture. The Livestock Coordinator's responsibilities include, but are not limited to, daily livestock chores, general animal maintenance, health monitoring, management of supplies and feed, ongoing livestock and infrastructure maintenance, and execution of livestock rotation. This role also assists with all aspects of our production farm (from seeding to harvesting). The Livestock Coordinator will always have eyes on the animals, and provide regular feedback to the Director of Agriculture.

Responsibilities:

Management of integrated, multi-species livestock operation

- Twice daily livestock chores, including feeding, health monitoring, and mucking
- General maintenance of paddocks, fencing, and housing
- Inventory, source, and order all livestock supplies
- Plan and execute intensive multispecies paddock/pasture/woodland rotation on limited acreage
- Research, acquire, and transport new livestock
- Regularly handle and move sheep, steer, goats, alpacas, pigs, and laying hens
- Healthcare management (general and emergency)
- Collaboration with farm vet as needed and for annual check ups/vaccinations
- Oversight of egg production and collection along with record keeping
- Oversight of sheep and alpaca shearing, wool processing, and marketing
- Hoof trimming of sheep and goats

- Staff orientation and training on livestock care, handling procedures, and safety requirements
- Communication with Education Department staff on a range of livestock topics
- Evaluate existing livestock operation and establish goals and objectives

General

- Seasonal support with vegetable operation (April–October) including seeding, harvesting, and crop maintenance
- Provide administrative support for existing farm programs and events
- Participate in annual planning with the Director of Agriculture

Required Skills & Experience:

- 3-4 years experience in livestock care (preferably management)
- Driver's license
- Strong understanding and knowledge of animal care (available feedstuffs, diseases, environmental conditions, health care and handling, etc.)
- Passion for animals, agriculture, and farm-based education
- Exceptional leadership qualities
- Patience, flexibility, and strong communication and interpersonal skills
- Self-motivation
- Excellent organizational skills with attention to detail, time management, and prioritization
- Strategic thinking within the context of Queens Farm initiatives
- Appreciation for working on an public farm in the most diverse county in the country
- Ability to lift at least 50 pounds, to be outside in adverse weather conditions, and working on your feet all day

Queens County Farm Museum (QCFM) supports diversity in the workplace. QCFM is an equal opportunity / affirmative action employer (EOE) and supports a drug-free workplace.

Hours & Compensation:

40 hours/week. Schedule requires one (1) weekend day of work each week.

Pay: \$20.00/hour with growth opportunities

To Apply:

Please send cover letter, resume, and 3 references to Anne: anne@queensfarm.org

Applications will be accepted until position is filled.